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PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION

Letter dated 14 August 2001 from the Chargé d'Affaires of the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Chairperson of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights

I refer to the statement made by the delegation of Mauritius on 14 August 2001 to the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (under item 5 of the agenda) which *inter alia* called into question British sovereignty over the British Indian Ocean Territory.

For the record, the Government of the United Kingdom remains convinced of its sovereignty over the British Indian Ocean Territory, which was ceded to it by France in 1814.

Please could you arrange for this letter to be circulated as an official document of the United Nations under agenda item 5 of the Sub-Commission's agenda.

(Signed) Guy WARRINGTON
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